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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Lake Montezuma Property Owners Association regarding the rate increase requested by the Arizona Water Company. While we certainly understand the company needs to have a reasonable rate of return to stay in business the increase is hardly reasonable (39%).

The areas this water company serves have grown over the last years, but much of the infrastructure has been in place and certainly their income has increased with each new customer. We believe that some of the data submitted to justify the increase does not reflect the current situation. Additionally, many of the people in our area are on fixed incomes and such a large increase for a basic need will cause a hardship. The quality of water is certainly not what we would like, as we have a high arsenic level, and we see no improvement noted if the increase is approved.

We respectfully request the Commission consider our concerns before granting this increase.

Sincerely,

Sharon Brooks

Sharon Brooks
Secretary

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